

## VILLA SAID TO BE PLANNING A RAID

Reports Reaching El Paso Say the Bandit Chief is Ready to Move on Border.

### PREPARING FOR A LONG STAY

Gen. Pershing's Men Building Shelters for Rainy Season—Yaqui Indians Raiding Again.

El Paso, Tex., July 10.—Pancho Villa is undoubtedly alive and affairs are shaping themselves for another great military exploit in which the revolutionists will play the leading part, according to information pouring into the United States from scores of sources.

Telegrams, letters and persons arriving at the border all carry the same reports that Villa is in the vicinity of the Florida river, not far from the Chihuahua-Durango border; that he is directing the movements of the army of General Calisto Contreras and that he is holding another considerable body of men in reserve, awaiting the moment when he shall have sufficiently recovered from his wounds and rheumatism to stand the hard rides and rapid movements of campaigning.

Reports that the Villista command operating southwest of Jimenez had inflicted the third defeat within a week upon troops of the Mexican de facto government and had retaken Jimenez, were current on both sides of the Rio Grande tonight, but were without official confirmation.

Additional private advices to local mining men say that Villa planned, but did not direct, the first attack upon Jimenez, which was led by his lieutenant, Calisto Contreras. Villa himself, the dispatches say, is badly crippled with rheumatism and is unable to walk except with crutches. The bandit chieftain was reported to be taking a cure in a mud springs up the Rio Florida.

#### Border Parley Puzzles.

Brig. Gen. George Bell, jr., and Gen. Francisco Gonzales, commander at Juarez, held a conference last night at the international bridge, it was learned today. General Bell, while admitting that the meeting was held, refused tonight to state what was discussed.

Efforts to communicate tonight with General Gonzales and Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul at El Paso, were fruitless and no hint of the object of the conference could be obtained from minor officials at Juarez.

#### Yaqui Indians on a Raid.

Mazatlan, Mex., July 10.—Yaqui Indians, taking advantage of the withdrawal of Mexican troops from Southern Sonora, are reported here to have crossed the Yaqui river and invaded the lands of American settlers and the Richardson Construction Company, devastating all property except company headquarters at Espevanza, where a Mexican garrison is maintained.

#### Troops Prepare for Long Stay.

Columbus, N. M., July 10.—That Brig. Gen. J. J. Pershing's expeditionary force will not come out of Mexico, for a time at least, was indicated today by drivers of a long train of empty motor trucks which arrived here from the American base.

The drivers, who will return with supplies, stated that shelters are being built for the use of the troops through the rainy season and that work is being rushed on a permanent telegraph line to the expeditionary base. Construction work was begun here today on new ordnance and army supply warehouses.

Twenty troopers of the Tenth Cavalry, captured at Carrizal, reached Columbus today on the way to Mexico to join their regiment.

#### Raid Scare a False Alarm.

San Antonio, Tex., July 10.—The reported raid at Boquillas yesterday gave General Funston and his staff some concern until today, when a report from Colonel Gaston, commanding the troops in the Big Bend district, indicated that it was an incident without great significance. Three Americans, N. O. McKnight, Austin Swazy and Roy Swazy, were held up by two Mexicans some miles south of the Rio Grande. They escaped and telephoned to the American side from a mine on the Mexican side, saying they would make their way to the American side at the first opportunity.

#### Friendly Note to Mexico.

Washington, July 8.—Mr. Arredondo transmitted to his government today a brief and friendly note handed to him by Secretary of State Lansing, expressing gratification over the turn affairs between the two governments have taken and accepting pro-

posals for diplomatic settlement of points in dispute. The communication was approved by the cabinet before it was sent to the Mexican embassy. The text follows:

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 4, 1916, in which you transcribe a note addressed to me by the secretary of foreign relations of your government and to request that you will transmit to him the following reply:

"Mr. Secretary: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note transmitted to me by Senor Arredondo on the fourth instant, in which you refer to my notes of June 20 and June 25, and to assure you of the sincere gratification of my government at the frank statement of the difficulties which have unfortunately arisen in our relations along the international boundary, and the unreserved expression of the desire of your government to reach an adjustment of these difficulties on a broad and amicable basis. The same spirit of friendship and of solicitude for the continuance of cordial relations between our two countries inspires my government, which equally desires an immediate solution of the matters of difference which have long vexed both governments.

"It is especially pleasing to my government that the de facto government of Mexico is disposed to give quick as well as practical consideration in a spirit of concord to the remedies which may be applied to the existing conditions. Reciprocating the same desire, the government of the United States is prepared immediately to change views as to a practical plan to remove finally and prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the source of the controversy.

"Accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

"I am sir, yours very sincerely,  
"ROBERT LANSING."

#### Carranza's Friendly "Tip."

Additional evidence of the more friendly attitude of the Carranza government came today in the form of a warning communicated by Mr. Arredondo to the State Department at the direction of General Carranza in connection with the battle between Villa and Carranza forces at Corralitos. The message admitted a serious defeat for the Carranza troops and asked that the American forces be cautioned to exercise unusual vigilance along the border, particularly in the Big Bend region in Texas, as there was reason to believe the bandits were headed that way to precipitate a new border incident. The message was promptly forwarded to General Funston as a matter of information.

#### Mexicans Turn on Carranza.

Douglas, Ariz., July 8.—Anti-Carranza sentiment is becoming apparent among Mexican residents in portions of Sonora, as a result of the friendly tone of the last note sent to Washington, according to Mexicans reaching here today from Nacozari, seventy-five miles south of the border. Nacozari, they said, was crowded with refugees from the United States and from the interior of the state.

These Mexicans confirmed reports previously received from Fronteras and Cabullona that the Mexican soldiers at these points, as well as civilians, have been placed on limited rations.

#### Would Aid Mexicans.

Washington, July 7.—While the immediate purpose of the negotiations, in which Secretary Lansing's forthcoming note is to be the first step, will be the evolution of some plan for tranquilizing the border regions, the discussions may take on a wider scope. There is little doubt that Mr. Arredondo received the impression from Secretary Lansing today that if adequate guarantees as to the security of American and other foreign interests in Mexico could be obtained, the Washington government believes it possible that the financial aid so greatly needed by the de facto government could be found. Details of the form and extent of the guarantees required and of the amount and nature of the financial aid that American bankers might be willing to furnish, can only be worked out by protracted discussion.

#### Willing to Aid Carranza.

It was evident at the State Department today that officials believe an opportunity now has been presented out of which may come a means of giving the de facto government material aid in restoring order throughout Mexico. It is known that the pacific nature of the Mexican note, which brought the crisis between the governments to an end, is construed here as indicating that General Carranza, besides being impressed by American military preparations, has been deeply influenced by the pressure and argument brought to bear on him by friends in the United States, by European diplomats in the City of Mexico, and particularly by representatives of many of the Latin-American powers. The latter have exerted themselves to the utmost to avert war and to foster in General Carranza's mind the idea of Pan-American unity.

## HEAVY FIGHTING ON BOTH FRONTS

Germans Stubbornly Resist Offensives of Allies in All the War Zones.

### TO WEAR DOWN THE TEUTONS

Efforts in West No Longer Marked By Brilliant Dashes—No Halt in Slav Advance.

London, July 11.—On both eastern and western fronts heavy fighting persists. This is especially the case on the western front, where the struggle is not without fluctuations of fortune and brings to mind the warnings of the correspondents from the opening of the Somme battle that steady, methodical pressure rather than brilliant advances must be expected.

The British official statement tonight says that the Germans have entered Troges Wood and records further progress east of Ovillers and La Boisselle, in addition to a footing secured by the British in the Mametz Wood, where heretofore the Germans had resisted all the British efforts. The German official communication admits French possession of Blaches, only a short distance from Peronne, which town is thus seriously exposed and threatened.

#### Russians Push Ahead.

There has apparently been no halt of the Russian advance toward Kovel in Volhynia. The German defenses along the Stokhod river have been unable to stay the progress of the Russians, who, though strongly opposed, have crossed the river at various points. The latest communication from Russian general headquarters shows that the two opposing armies are in the midst of a terrific struggle, for it mentions that the enemy rallied and made desperate efforts to maintain his positions on the left bank of the river.

The Germans are continuing their strong attacks along the Russian front, but the view is held here that this is only with the object of gaining time to perfect the defenses of Kovel and Vladimir-Volynski and to remove large stores of military material from these points to Brest-Litovsk and Lvangorod.

#### Beat Off Italian Efforts.

Vienna, July 11.—The Austrian official statement, issued today, reads: "Italian Theater—There has been bitter fighting between the Brenta and the Etsch. Strong Alpine forces repeatedly attacked our line southwest of Cimadici, but were repulsed with heavy losses by our infantry. More than eight hundred Italian dead were left before our trenches."

### MAY GUARD BORDER JOINTLY

American and Mexican Officers Hold Informal Conferences in Effort to Work Out a Plan.

San Antonio, Tex., July 11.—Without formal agreement it appeared probable today that the plan of a joint guarding of the border country, proposed by General Funston and General Scott during their conference at El Paso, might be worked out by officers commanding troops on opposite sides of the international line. General Bell at El Paso already has discussed with General Gonzales a plan of co-operative work, and Capt. A. V. Anderson, commanding the American troops at Presidio, talked with Colonel Rojas, commandant of the Mexican garrison at Ojinaga, on the opposite side of the river, of the best means of preventing raids.

No instructions from departmental headquarters have been sent to border commanders to enter into negotiations with the Mexican officers, but it was indicated at General Funston's headquarters that similar efforts would be made by all American officers whose commands face Mexican troops.

#### Seize Hearst Ranch in Mexico.

American Field Headquarters, in Mexico, July 11.—The great Hearst ranch at Babicora has been taken over by the Carranza government and is now operated by a manager installed by the Carranza military authorities, according to statement by John C. Hayes, manager of the ranch, who passed through here today on his way to El Paso.

#### No War Now, Obregon Says.

Douglas, Ariz., July 11.—Gen. P. Elias Calles today addressed heads of American mining companies operating in Sonora that he had received a telegram from Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza's minister of war, saying all danger of war with the United States had passed.

### FREDERICK F. WHEELER



Frederick F. Wheeler of Los Angeles is one of the candidates for the Prohibition nomination for the presidency. He is a business man and long has been prominent in the party. Mr. Wheeler was born in Oshkosh, Wis., and went to California in 1898.

### BIG GERMAN SUBMARINE IS IN

Undersea Liner Arrives Safely in Hampton Roads with Cargo of Valuable Dyestuffs.

Baltimore, July 10.—The world's first submarine liner, the German underwater boat Deutschland, anchored below Baltimore tonight, after voyaging safely across the Atlantic ocean, passing the allied blockading squadrons and eluding enemy cruisers watching for it off the American coast.

It carries mail and a cargo of 750 tons of costly chemicals and dyestuffs and is to carry back home a similar amount of nickel and crude rubber sorely needed by the German army.

The undersea craft is more than three hundred feet long, thirty feet wide and was drawing seventeen feet of water when it entered the Virginia capes. The submersible is propelled by two Diesel engines of 600-horsepower and makes about fourteen knots an hour.

The Deutschland is commanded by Captain Kairig and manned by a crew of twenty-nine Germans.

Sixteen days out from Bremerhaven to Baltimore, the submarine reached safely between the Virginia capes at 1:45 o'clock this morning passing in on the surface covered by a heavy pall of darkness which settled over the entrance of the bay with the setting of a telf-tale half moon. Once inside, the visitor threw caution aside and began shrieking its siren signaling a pilot and at the same time attracting the attention of the tug Thomas F. Timmons, which had been waiting in the lower bay for nearly two weeks to greet the Deutschland and convoy her into port.

### INFANTILE PARALYSIS SPREADS

Epidemic Raging in New York Reaches Nearby Towns—25 Per Cent of Cases Fatal.

New York, July 7.—New York's infantile paralysis epidemic today apparently spread to several nearby cities. Meanwhile it showed greater virulence in the city itself, breaking all records for development. Cases were reported so fast through the night that the health bureau announced early today tabulations had not yet been completed to show exactly how many new victims there were, but the bureau estimated the total since the start of the scourge was now above six hundred cases.

### CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

—The first concern of the United States in the arrival of the German supersubmarine Deutschland is to determine whether the submersible is properly a merchant vessel or whether under any interpretation of the principles of international law she could be classed as a warship.

—So that no time may be lost in beginning construction of the vessels to be authorized in this year's naval bill, the navy department is hastening the drafting of its building designs.

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#### The Difference.

Bishop Naphtali Luccock was talking in Helena about golfers.

"A Sunday golfer," he said, "rang the bell at a manse Sunday morning and asked to leave her golf sticks there during the service.

"I can't hardly let you do that," said the minister.

"But," the Sunday golfer objected, "you've got a sign on the church porch to the effect that bicyclists can leave their machines at the manse during service, haven't you?"

"Yes, ma'am, I have," the minister answered. "You can ride to church on a bicycle, you know; but you can't on a golf stick—unless you happen to be a witch."

#### Had Reason for Labor.

One day a Chinese philosopher was meditating in the fields outside the city of Tientsin. He noticed a woman weeping bitterly beside a fresh grave, which she was fanning vigorously. He was touched by her evident grief, and said:

"Oh, sorrowful one, what is your trouble?"

"Your Honorable Excellency, my husband is dead."

"No doubt he was a good husband, and you are to be pitied, but why are you fanning his grave?"

"Exalted one," replied the woman—and her voice choked with sobs—"my husband made me promise not to marry again until his grave was dry."

#### Poor Service.

The rector of a rural parish in England, says the Manchester Guardian, was trying to make conversation with a parishioner whose son was in the army. Not meeting with much success, he finally ventured: "Naturally I take deep interest in this force at Saloniki. Are you aware, Mrs. X, that these are the Thessalonians to whom St. Paul sent a letter?"

Mrs. X looked up from the wash-tub. "Well, he may have written there; I'm not saying he didn't. But I'm sorry for 'im if he sent parcels. I sent two to my boy months since, and they ain't been delivered yet."

#### Obligation.

"Are you going to make any speeches during the campaign?"

"I'll have to make some," replied Senator Sorghum. "The eloquent silence has become the exclusive privilege of supreme leadership."

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